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SUBJECT: SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP REQUESTS INFORMAL
WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. FOLLOWING UP ON CONVERSATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY DURING THE RECENT VISIT, SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP HAS ASKED THE MISSION TO TRANSMIT HIS REQUEST FOR AN INFORMAL WORKING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY COOPERATION INITIALLY MADE DURING THE MONDALE VISIT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GREATER DEPTH AND DETAIL AT THE FORTHCOMING WP-3, EPC AND XCSS MEETINGS AND WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS THE CENTERPIECE OF THE SPRING OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S TIMING IS RELATIVELY FLEXIBLE. HIS PREFERENCE IS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, ALTHOUGH HE COULD, FOR THIS PURPOSE, BREAK ALL OTHER ENGAGEMENTS DURING MARCH EXCEPT FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SWEDEN FOR THREE DAYS BEGINNING MARCH 27.

3. IN PLANNING FOR THE VISIT, THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON CONSIDER A BRIEF CALL BY THE SECRETARY-
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GENERAL ON PRESIDENT CARTER IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED. SUCH A CALL WOULD BE AN IDEAL WAY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DEMONSTRATE PERSONALLY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION THROUGH WHAT IS THE MAIN INSTITUTIONAL FORUM FOR CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION AMONG THE INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES.

4. THE MISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDS A MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO CARRY FORWARD THEIR PARIS DISCUSSION.

5. DURING THE VISIT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD ALSO CALL ON SECRETARY VANCE, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL (WHO IF PRECEDENT OF RECENT YEARS IS FOLLOWED WOULD BE THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING), MR. SCHLESINGER AND MR. BRZEZINSKI. HE SHOULD HAVE WORKING MEETINGS WITH COOPER AND SOLOMON, CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO VAN LENNEP'S REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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